



8th Grade Band

❖ **Tone Development**

❖ **Intonation**

❖ **Balance**

❖ **Playing with Expression**

❖ **Syncopated rhythms**

❖ **More advanced time signatures**

❖ **Chromatic Scale and prep for high school scales**

❖ **Percussion rudiments: ratamacue, pataflafla, advanced paradiddles**

❖ **Makey Makey project**

❖ **Composition**

Grading - Total Points System

- Weekly = 15 points
 - Prepared: Instrument, music, pencil
 - Participate
 - Stay on task
- Homework check = 10 points
 - Take home instrument & Music
 - Check at 3:15 on Friday



Performance Opportunities = 50 points

- Rubric is used
- Submitted via Submitted via SeeSaw
 - Seesaw App or via Seesaw website
- ❖ Retake for a better grade





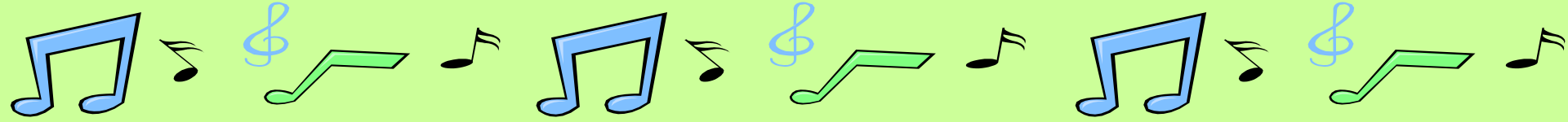
Concerts = 100 points

December and March Concert attire is:

- A nice white shirt, tie (for guys), black/dark slacks/skirts, dark socks, and dark shoes
- NO JEANS!!

May Concert attire is:

- Band t-shirt/plain t-shirt(matching Band shirt color) and jeans/jeans shorts



Practicing

- **Best return on your money: 20 minutes a day**
 - *Build on concepts learned*
 - *Train muscles*
 - *Coordinate fingers/hands with written music*
- **Busy weeks: practice on the days your child does not have band.**

What Parents Can Do



- Provide a practice area free of distraction with a music stand
- Encourage consistent practice
- Have your child play for you
- Play recordings of your child's instrument
- Take your child to concerts
- Sign up for Seesaw parent account

Extra Opportunities

- RCHS 8th grade Band Night-September 20th
- Honor Bands
 - Central Highlands All Area Band
 - Auditions: MRMS-Nov.6
 - Weekend: BCHS-Jan 24-25
 - VBODA District Honor Band
 - Auditions: ERHS-Dec.7
 - Weekend: Harrisonburg HS-Jan.31-Feb.1

Questions/Concerns



- The best time to reach me is between 12:30 and 1:00 (463-3532).
- My e-mail is kmdoyle@lexedu.org.
- Want to see the monthly agenda? Need forms? Check the school website.
 - On the LDMS site, click directory, then click on my name